(8) Surveys have been conducted by the Central Pollution Control Board on the vehicular emissions in the major cities and towns in the country. The findings of the survey have been used for taking mitigative measures.

(9) The ambient air quality of various cities and towns are being monitored regularly through a network of 290 monitoring stations under the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme.

(10) Emission form highly polluting industrial units and thermal power plants are regularly monitored by the Central Pollution Control Board and State Pollution Control Boards and action is taken against the defaulting units.

(11) Emissions and ambient air quality standards have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Primary Schools in Orissa

*258. SHRI K. M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact there are 1084 primary schools without rooms in Orissa;

(b) whether any evaluation has been conducted in Orissa, regarding centrally Sponsored Schemas of Operation Black-Board and Non-Formal Education Programmes; and

(c) the details of the remedial action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) According to the Sixth All India Educational Survey (AIES) 1993, conducted by NCERT, New Delhi 734 primary schools in Orissa had no rooms.

(b) Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Operation Black-Board (OB) and Non-Formal Education (NFE) have been evaluated in various States including Orissa.

(c) The evaluation report indicates deficiencies in implementation of Operation Black-Board such as delay in construction of class rooms, inadequate teacher training and centralised purchase of uniform teaching learning equipment for all schools.

As a follow up on the evaluation report, State Government have been given flexibility to select teaching learning equipment relevant for the State. They have also been advised to decentralise purchases under the scheme. A Special Orientation programme for training of primary teachers has been initiated under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Teacher Education to Facilitate better utilisation of OB materials.

With regard to NFE programme, the deficiencies pointed out by the evaluation report in respect of monitoring, coordination, need to fill up vacant posts, adequate training to NFE functionaries regularity in payment of honorarium have been brought to the notice of Government of Orissa for remedical action.

This Department has been monitoring action taken in this regard in Regional Review meetings of Education Secretaries.

Development of Train Systems for Cities

*259. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are ready to go in for joint venture with State Governments to develop train systems for cities;

(b) whether such a venture has been settled between Railways and some State Governments; and

(c) if so, the details of such agreements?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Trains system for cities, perhaps refers to Urban Transport Projects. Such Projects in New Mumbai and Chennai are being executed with sharing of cost by the respective State Governments. Two-third of the capital cost of the projects is being borne by the State Governments and one-third by Railways. Land required for the project is to be provided free of cost by the State Governments. A surcharge on suburban fare is also levied to improve the viability of the project.

Recently, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between Government of India and State Government of Maharashtra for setting up of Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation to undertake those projects which have been identified under Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP)-II for development of existing suburban system of Mumbai. The proposed joint venture company will have equity participation of Ministry of Railways and Govt. of Maharashtra in ratio of 51:49 The Corporation will work under Ministry of Railways. It will be responsible for excuting Railway projects in Mumbai area, commercial exploitation of land and air space and also for the rehabilitation and resettlement of the persons affected by the rail component of MUTP-II. The revenue from commercial exploitation will be utilised by the Railways and the Government of Maharashtra in the ratio of 1:1:1 in Mumbai, elsewhere in Maharashtra and in rest of the country. This ratio may however be increased in favour of Mumbai for the time being, if required, after mutual consultation. Ministry of Railways and Government of Maharashtra will provide funds to MRVC on 50:50 basis. Ministry of Railways will provide funds from additional budgetary support under the MTP Plan Head dividend free. In addition, MRVC may be able to generate funds through commercial exploitation of land and air space, levy of surcharge and market borrowings.

श्री अरविन्द की 125वीं जयंती

*260. श्री जनार्दन यादव: क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने श्री अरविन्द की 125वीं जयंती मनाने की योजना बनाई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस कार्यक्रम का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या इसमें वह संदेश भी शामिल है जिसमें श्री अरविन्द ने अखंड भारत की भविष्यवाणी की थी; और

(घ) क्या सरकार इसका प्रचार करने का विचार रखती है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (डा॰ मुरली मनोहर जोशी): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) से (घ) श्री अरविन्द की 125वीं जयंती मनाने के लिए भारत सरकार ने मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री की अध्यक्षता में राष्ट्रीय समिति गठित की थी। सभी राज्यों व संघ-राज्य क्षेत्रों से श्री अरविंद की 125 वीं जयंती को समुचित तरीके से मनाने के लिए अनुरोध किया गया था ताकि श्री अरविन्द का संदेश देश के युवकों तक पहुंच सके। दिल्ली में आयोजित समारोहों में श्री अरविन्द पर प्रदर्शनी तथा राष्ट्रीय संग्रहालय में आयोजित स्मरणोत्सव शामिल हैं। अन्य योजनाबद्ध कार्यकलापों में श्री अरविन्द के स्मारक-सिक्कों का विमोचन, श्री अरविन्द से संबंधित विभिन्न भाषाओं में पुस्तिका का विमोचन और श्री अरविन्द के संपूर्ण कार्य का प्रकाशन शामिल है।